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SUBJECT: GAMASY VISIT: DISCUSSION OF MILITARY PROGRAMS

1. DURING WASHINGTON PORTION OF GAMASY VISIT, FOLLOWING PROGRAMS/PROPOSALS DISCUSSED WITH RESULTS AS NOTED.

-- F-5S - AT OUTSET OF DISCUSSION, IT WAS NOTED THAT THERE MIGHT BE SOME SLIPPAGE IN DELIVERY OF FIRST F-5S. GAMASY MADE CLEAR HIS UNHAPPINESS OVER THIS PROSPECT, AND SECDEF BROWN PROMISED SOME WILL BE DELIVERED THIS YEAR. LOAS FOR FIRST PILOT TRAINING AND FOR OVERALL PROGRAM WERE PRE-SENTED FOR GAMASY'S REVIEW AND FURTHER STUDY. SIGNATURE NOT EXPECTED ON AIRCRAFT LOA UNTIL AFTER GAMASY RETURNS TO
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CAIRO BUT TRAINING LOA SIGNED SEPARATELY HERE. GAMASY AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO ESTABLISHMENT OF SEPARATE MANAGEMENT TEAM (WHETHER TITLED OFFICE OF DEFENSE COOPERATION OR OTHERWISE); HE HAD NO PROBLEM WITH CONCEPT OF SMALL STAFF FOR THIS PURPOSE. MUNITIONS PACKAGE FOR F-5S NOT DISCUSSED.
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-- APCS. GAMASY RAISED IN LOW-KEY MANNER. SECDEF IN-
FORMED HIM THAT SUCH PROPOSAL WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE AT
PRESENT, BUT DID NOT FORECLOSE POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE CON-
SIDERATION. GAMASY SEEMED TO UNDERSTAND RATIONALE FOR OUR

DECISION, AND TO ACCEPT FACT THAT WE CANNOT RESPOND POSI-
TIVELY AT THIS TIME.

-- ANTI-TERRORIST TRAINING. GAMASY WAS KEENLY INTERESTED
IN PRESSING FORWARD WITH THIS PROPOSAL. WE INFORMED HIM
THAT FBI HAS AGREED TO INCORPORATION OF "SWAT" COURSE AT
QUANTICO. PROGRAM DOD IS DESIGNING LIKELY TO BEGIN IN
OCTOBER WITH RANGER TRAINING (PRECEDED IF AND AS NECESSARY
BY ENGLISH-LANGUAGE COURSE), FOLLOWED BY "SWAT" COURSE.
ENTIRE PROGRAM PROBABLY WILL LAST ABOUT FOUR MONTHS.
COSTS, ETC., WILL BE DETERMINED FOR INCLUSION IN LOA.

-- C-130 - GAMASY INDICATED DESIRE FOR ACQUISITION OF
C-130 SIMULATOR. WE WERE ABLE TO TELL HIM THAT THERE ARE
NO POLICY DIFFICULTIES IN APPROVING SUCH A SALE; GAMASY
STATED THAT ABU GHAZALA AUTHORIZED TO SIGN RELEVANT LOA.
QUESTION OF LEASE OF ADDITIONAL C-130S DID NOT ARISE, AND
WE ASSUME THIS IS NOW A DEAD LETTER. GAMASY CONCERNED
ABOUT LENGTH OF TIME IT HAS TAKEN TO RECEIVE MINOR SPARES
FOR C-130S. WE EXPLAINED PROCESS OF APPROVAL AND UNDER-
TOOK TO EXPEDITE ACTION WHEN REQUESTS RECEIVED.
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-- SENSORS - GAMASY REITERATED INTEREST IN PURCHASING;DOD
EXPLAINED THAT THERE IS NO PRESENT PRODUCTION OF APPROPRI-
ATE SENSORS. IT WAS AGREED THAT THIS ITEM WILL BE PUR-
SUED WITH DMI SHAWKAT.

-- IMET TRAINING - ITEM DISCUSSED IN GENERAL TERMS, NOT-
ING MUTUAL SATISFACTION WITH THIS PROGRAM. GAMASY INFORM-
ED ABOUT STATUS OF FY '79 PROGRAM (I.E. NO APPROPRIATION
AS YET). NO ASSURANCES GIVEN TO GAMASY RE FUTURE GROWTH
OF IMET PROGRAM (HE EXPRESSED HOPE FOR INCREASE IN 1979
AND 1978.)

-- NPW TRANSIT - GAMASY REAFFIRMED HIS SUPPORT AND SAID
HE WOULD FOLLOW UP WITH FONMIN KAMEL.

-- E-1 AND RPV PROGRAMS DID NOT COME UP FOR DISCUSSION.

2. IN OUR VIEW, WASHINGTON PHASE OF VISIT WENT VERY WELL
AND GAMASY APPEARED SATISFIED WITH DISCUSSIONS ON PROGRAMS
AS WELL AS BROADER POLICY. WE WILL FOLLOW UP AS APPROPRI-
ATE ON ITEMS DISCUSSED ABOVE AND INFORM EMBASSY OF PRO-

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GRESS.

3. LEST NUMBER OF OFFICERS TO BE ATTACHED ,O O;C BECOME AN ISSUE, SUGGEST EMBASSY ;EEK EARLY CLARI ICATION ON THIS POINT. DURING CONVERSATIONS AT DOD, GAMASY SPOKE IN TERMS OF 4-5 OFFICERS; LATER WITH UNDERSECRETARY BENSON HE TALKED ABOUT 2-3 OFFICERS. CHRISTOPHER

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